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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Scheme of Japan for Fiscal Year 1988

(1 April 1988 - 31 March 1989)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The present document contains information drawn from published sources 1/ on the operation of the ceiling and/or maximum country amount limitations for fiscal year 1988 (1 April 1988 to 31 March 1989). Subsequent information will be published as it becomes available. 2/

2. Products in Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System chapters 25-97, covered by the scheme and subject to ceilings and maximum country amount limitations, were classified into 146 product groups for the purpose of setting ceilings in fiscal year 1988. Flexible administration of ceilings was applied to 51 of these product groups. Elsewhere, 51 other product groups are temporarily exempt from the ceilings.

3. During fiscal year 1988, preferential imports of products not subject to flexible administration of ceilings reached the ceiling limit and most-favoured-nation (MFN) tariffs were re-established for the following 43 product groups: chemical products, leather products, certain wood products, textile products, footwear, silver, jewellery articles, certain ferro-alloys, flat rolled products of iron and steel, bars, rods and wire of iron and steel, refined copper and alloys thereof, aluminium products, unwrought zinc, furnitures, dolls and other toys (product groups, 6, 8, 11, 16, 18, 21, 27, 40, 42, 47, 49, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 64, 79, 87, 90, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 106, 107, 108, 111, 113, 116, 118, 119, 120, 124, 131, 132, 135, 140, 141 and 142). It should be noted that 13 among these 43 product groups were also affected by the maximum amount limitation with respect to individual beneficiary (before the ceiling limit was reached). These product groups are: 6, 40, 42, 47, 56, 87, 95, 96, 106, 108, 135, 140 and 142.

4. Maximum country amount limitations under flexible administration on preferential import from individual beneficiaries were applied in the case of 78 product groups. However, information is not available on whether actual preferential imports from individual beneficiaries reached or exceeded the maximum country amount limitation on these products. Preferential imports of 29 product groups not subject to flexible administration of the maximum country amount were affected by this limitation and MFN rates were re-established for individual beneficiaries. The product groups affected mainly comprised caustic soda and potash, antimony trioxide, barium salts, pyrotechnic articles, rubber tyres, patent leather, raw fur skins, wood of kiri, transom, tatamidoko, basketwork articles, silk-worm cocoons, yarn spun from noil silk, yarn of corded wool, of combed wool, cotton, articles of flax or of ramie, carpets, men's and boys' outer garments, women's and girls' under garments, corsets, gloves, etc., other footwear, artificial flowers, imitation pearls, non-alloy pig iron, copper bars, brooms, brushes, paint rollers (product groups: 3, 4, 5, 28, 32, 38, 44, 48, 55, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65, 66, 70, 71, 80, 81, 89, 92, 93, 101, 104, 105, 110, 125, 133 and 145).

5. Preferential imports falling within 12 product groups subject either to flexible administration of ceilings or to maximum amount limitations were reported to have exceeded the ceiling but MFN rates were not re-established. (Product groups: 1, 9, 10, 26, 53, 61, 121, 122, 126, 130, 136 and 139).

6. The ceiling or maximum country amount limitations were applied to preferential imports from the following beneficiaries: all beneficiaries (44 product groups); China (25 product groups); Taiwan Province of China (18 product groups); Republic of Korea (15 product groups); Philippines (3 product groups); Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Pakistan (2 product groups each); Iran, Islamic Republic of; Malaysia, Peru, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia and Thailand, (one product group each).

7. Additional details of imports which reached the ceiling and/or maximum country amount in fiscal year 1988 are given in the annexed table.

Notes

1/ Tsusho Koho (Trade bulletin), 9 May 1989, published by JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) in Japanese.

2/ For a review of the operation of the scheme in earlier years see TD/B/C.5/30/Add.1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 19, 20, 23 and TD/B/C.5/Japan/1 to 13.

JAPANESE SCHEME OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES

Products for which ceiling and/or maximum amount was reached during fiscal year 1988

(1 April 1988 - 31 March 1989)

Item	Tariff number	Description of goods	Ceiling quotas a/	- Beneficiary affected - Date of re-establishment of MFN rate of duties	MFN rate of duty %	Imports from beneficiary a/ b/
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
3	281511 12;20	Caustic soda and caustic potash */	477	- Saudi Arabia - 1 June	4.6 6.4	209
4	282580 ex	Antimony trioxide */	1 180 tons	- China - 1 June	12.8 or 16.8 yen/kg	1 443 tons
5	282736;38 283327 283660	Barium salts, etc. */	9 784 tons	- China - 14 April	4.6	3 415 tons
6	284910 ex 90	Carbides, etc.	332	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 June - All beneficiaries - 1st July	3	707
8	290250	Styrene **/	2 970	- All beneficiaries - 11 June	6.4	5 519
11	290611	Menthol	15	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	22.4 or 720 yen/kg	121
16	292242-1	Sodium glutamates	2	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	16	78

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
18	2939 ex 70	Nicotine sulphate **/	68	- All beneficiaries - 16 August	6.2	81
21	3301 ex 25	Peppermint oil containing not more 65% weight of total menthol	12	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	9.6	93
27	350510-2 350520	Dextrines and glues	28	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	25 or 30 yen/kg	195
28	3604	Pyrotechnic articles */	648	- China - 1 June - Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 March - Republic of Korea - 1 March	4.8	1 432
31	3901 ex 3902 ex 3903 ex 3904 ex 3906 ex 3911 ex 10 3914 ex 00	Polyethylene, polystyrene, etc. in blocks Granules, flakes and similar bulk forms ***/	8 659	- All beneficiaries - 27 May	4.1-11.2 various specific duties	8 840
32	4011 ex 401320; 90;	Rubber tyres other */	138	- Rep. of Korea - 1 June - Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 June - Thailand - 1 December - Malaysia - 5 January - Philippines - 5 January	3.2 3.4	799
38	410900	Patent leather, etc.	12	- Argentina - 1 July	35	10

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
40	420211 12; 21-32 91; 92; 960500	Travel goods of leather	5 725	- Rep. of Korea - 21 April - All beneficiaries - 22 June	4.1-20	5 753
42	ex chapter 42	Articles of leather	203	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 December - All beneficiaries - 5 January	3.9-12.5	232
44	430211 430219-30.ex	Raw fur skins	944	- China - 24 May - Argentina - 28 December	15	890
47	440310 -2(1) ex 440799-2 440920-3 (2)	Wood of Kiri	1 901	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 2 August - All beneficiaries - 1 September	2.5	2 411
48	440399-ex 1	Wood in the rough of kiri */	1 221	- China - 1 February	2.5	989
49	440721 ex 2 440799 ex 3	Wood of diptero-carpa-CEAE **/	5 769	- All beneficiaries - 2 August	10	10 468
50	440810 ex 44820 ex 440890-ex 4	Sheets for plywood **/	978	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	5;15	1 855
52	440920 - ex 1 4421 ex 90	Drawn wood of bamboo	4	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	7.5;10	6
54	441221-99 4420 ex 90	Other plywood, black-board, lamin board, etc. **/	624	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	3.2;15	1 070
55	441890-ex 2	TRANSOM */	6 331	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 November	3.9	2 859

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
56	4419 ex 00	Waribashi	1 223	- China - 5 June - All beneficiaries - 7 July	5.6	1 235
57	ex chapter 44	Wood **/	22 086	- All beneficiaries - 5 January	2.5;20 44	26 896
58	4601 ex 20 460191-ex 2	Products of Igusa or SHICHITOI	602	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	6	1 144
59	4602 ex 10	TATAMIDOKO */	648	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 14 April - Rep. of Korea - 12 May - China - 7 March	9.6	581
60	4602 ex 10	Basketwork, etc. */	1 245	- China - 3 April - Philippines - 30 September - Taiwan Prov. of China - 26 November	3.9 4.6	2 137
62	500100	Silk-worm cocoons	829	- China - 1 March	140 yen/kg	462
63	5005 ex 00 5005 ex 00	Yarn spun from noil silk not put up for retail sale and silk yarn put up for retail sail	141	- China - 17 May	4.8 9.6	69
64	ex chapter 50 and 5803 ex 90	Silk products **/	48	- All beneficiaries - 1 October	4.8-20	74

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
65	5106	Yarn of carded wool */	223	- China - 5 April - Rep. of Korea - 18 March	3.2	226
66	5107	Yarn of combed wool */	654	- Rep. of Korea - 3 April - China - 9 April - Taiwan Prov. of China - 14 April - Pakistan - 15 June	3.2	1 887
70	ex chapter 52 and 580211, 19 580310	Cotton	154	- Rep. of Korea - 3 April - China - 12 April	2.4-9.6 and specific duties	155
71	5306 5308 ex 90 5309 5311 ex 00	Yarn and woven fabrics of flax or of ramie	687	- China - 3 April - Brazil - 3 April	3-16	690
79	5607 10-29 41-90	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables	174	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	3.9-6.4	277
80	5701	Carpets and other textile floor coverings */	6 249	- China - 3 April - Pakistan - 9 December - Iran - 1 January	9.6	6 378
81	570210 31-99 5703 570500	Other carpets	5 135	- China - 1 November	9.6-13.4	4 173
87	611110-90 -1 6116 ex 10 611691-99	Gloves, mittens and mitts	362	- China - 3 April - Rep. of Korea - 17 May - All beneficiaries - 31 May	6-16.8	363

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
89	6201;03 ex 6207 621020 40 ex 6211	Men's and boys' outer garments	3 324	- Rep. of Korea - 3 April	11.2 16	3 440
90	6202;04 ex 6206 ex 6208 ex 6209 ex 6210 ex 6211	Women's, girls' and babies' outer garments	4 311	- All - beneficiaries - 22 April	9-16	4 570
92	ex 6206 ex 6208	Women's, girls' and babies' under garments	294	- China - 3 April - Taiwan Prov. of China - 14 May	9- 16	294
93	ex 6209 6212 6216 6217 ex 10	Corsets, gloves, stockings, etc. */	680	- Rep. of Korea - 1 June - Taiwan Prov. of China - 10 October	7.8- 16	1 340
94	ex 6209 ex 6217	Made up clothing accessories, etc.	933	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	16	1 190
95	6213	Hankerchiefs	583	- China - 2 August - All beneficiaries - 5 January	6.4- 9	655
96	ex 6302 ex 6303 ex 6304	Bed linen, table linen	2 326	- China - 3 April - All beneficiaries - 21 June	4.5- 16.8	2 382
97	630510- 2, 630520-90	Sacks and bags for packings	136	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.9- 12.8 and specific duties	1 589

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
98	ex 6403 ex 6404 ex 6405	Footwear with leather outer soles	12 052 dozen	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	27-60 and for specific duties	32 878 dozen
100	ex 6404 ex 6405	Footwear other	753	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	27-60 and specific duties	968
101	ex chapter 64	Footwear other */	322	- Rep. of Korea - 1 July - China - 5 January	7.5-60 and specific duties	641
104	6702	Artifical flowers	2 668	- China - 26 May - Taiwan Prov. of China - 19 July	4.6 8	2 470
105	701610 7018	Glass cubes and glass beads, imitation pearls	273	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 26 May	2.9-10	194
106	7106	Silver	8 335	- Mexico - 2 August - All beneficiaries - 1 September	1.9 4.6	12 495
107	7113 911310	Jewellery articles	4 303	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	6.2 6.6	6 566
108	711719 ex 90 911320 90-ex 2	Imitation jewellery Watch straps, etc.	1 067	- Rep. of Korea - 24 May - Taiwan Prov. of China - 12 August - All beneficiaries - 1 September	3.2-12.5	1 088
110	7201 ex 10 ex 20	Non-alloy pig iron containing 1.6% of more weight of silicon */	10 815	- China - 1 September - Brazil - 1 March	3	6 013

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
111	720211 19	Ferro-manganese **/	5 118 tons	- All beneficiaries - 20 October	7.7	5 272 tons
113	720230 50; 70-93 7202 ex 99	Other ferro- alloys **/	5 043 tons	- All beneficiaries - 3 April	3-3.9	12 079 tons
116	720811-24 35;45 721112;19 22;29	Flat rolled products of iron and steel hot-rolled **/	75 182	- All beneficiaries - 1 November	3.9 4.6	97 649
118	7209 721130-49	Flat rolled products of iron and steel cold-rolled **/	13 022	- All beneficiaries - 1 September	3.9 4.6	18 765
119	721310-49 721410-50 721510-30 90	Bars and rods, hot of iron and steel **/	479	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.9 4.6	10 172
120	721711-29 7312 7317	Wire of iron and steel **/	1 345	- All beneficiaries - 2 August	3.9	2 246
124	740311-19	Refined copper and copper alloys unwrought	7 513 tons	- All - beneficiaries - 3 April	15 yen/kg 500 yen the value for custom duty/kg	73 520 tons
125	740710, 21 7407 ex 29 740811-21 ex 29	Copper bars, rods and profiles, wire */	837 tons	- Rep. of Korea - 1 June - Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 June - China - 1 July - Philippines - 2 August	5.8	10 741 tons
131	760120	Aluminium alloys **/	25 727 tons	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	1	50 613 tons

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
132	ex chapter 76	Aluminium products **/	5 411	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	1-10.2	11 287
133	780110	Refined lead	7 176 tons	- Mexico - 12 April	8 yen/kg; 180 yen the value for customs duty/kg	7 290 tons
135	7901	Unwrought zinc	10 324 tons	- Rep. of Korea - 3 April - All beneficiaries - 21 April - Peru - 3 April	5.76-250 yen/kg; 250 yen the value for customs duty/kg	10 467 tons
140	9018 ex 49 9401 ex 30-ex 90 9402 ex 9403 ex 9404	Furniture and parts thereof	13 196	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 1 June - All beneficiaries - 1 March	3.2-4.6	14 668
141	9502	Dolls **/	1 840	- All beneficiaries - 5 January	3.8 4.6	2 294
142	9503	Other toys	4 310	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 13 May - All beneficiaries - 24 May	3.4 4.6	4 455
145	9603 21-90	Brooms, brushes, paint rollers */	1 274	- Taiwan Prov. of China - 2 August - China - 2 August - Rep. of Korea - 1 October - Sri Lanka - 1 February	2.6-8	2 608

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Note: For a detailed description of goods and the applicable rates, see Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan 1988 (Japan Trade Association, 1988).

*/ Flexible administration of the ceiling.

**/ Flexible administration of the Maximum Amount Limitation.

a/ Million Yen unless otherwise indicated.

b/ Of products covered by the scheme.

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